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Itsuo WATANABE et al.) Confirmation No.: 5733
Serial No.: 09/402,274) Group Art Unit: 1712
Filed: December 16, 1999) Examiner: David E. AYLWARD
For: CIRCUIT-CONNECTING MATERIAL) Date: December 10, 2003
AND CIRCUIT TERMINAL
CONNECTED STRUCTURE etc.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, this Information Disclosure Statement in connection with the above-identified application is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97.

The documents identified on form PTO/SB/08A were cited by the Japanese Patent Office in a recent action for the corresponding application in Japan. Copies of each document listed in the attached form PTO/SB/08A are attached along with an English abstract.

Document A relates to an electrically-conductive adhesive of two-pack contact curing type. Document B relates to an acrylic adhesive composition. Document C relates to an anisotropically electroconductive film. Document D relates to a circuit-connecting material and production of circuit board. Document E relates to a circuit-connecting material and production of circuit board.

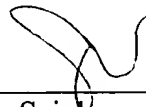
The references were cited by the Japanese Patent Office (JPO) in a Notice of Reasons for Rejection drafted August 27, 2003, which was dispatched from the JPO on September 2, 2003. In the Notice of Reasons for Rejection, the Examiner stated that the Japanese application should be rejected under the provision of Article 29(1)(iii) and 29(2) (cited references: (1) – (3)), Article 29-bis (cited reference: (4)), and Article 39(2), (cited reference (5) – (6)) of the Japanese Patent Law.

It is respectfully requested that the attached documents be considered and officially cited, and that a copy of Form PTO/SB/08A be initialed by the Examiner to indicate that the documents have been considered and returned to the undersigned.

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